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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: **Youichiro NISHIKAWA et al.**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

Applicants respond herein to the September 24, 2004 Office Action.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** appear in the listing of claims that begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 8.